

Weekly Citizen

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IRRIGATION CONVENTION.

There is to be an "Irrigation" convention at Salt Lake City, on the 16th, 17th and 18th of September, and the governors of all the western states and territories, requesting treasurers and auditors, the object of the convention as stated in the call is "the consideration of matters referring to the irrigation of the public lands of the west, and to petition Congress to make to each state and territory the same grant of its borders for the purpose of reclamation for the support of public works, which the state and territories may determine."

The idea of an general reclamation of the interest of irrigation, and for the consideration of matters pertaining to the reclamation of the west, the west regions is good, and such a movement may be the means of accomplishing a great deal for the welfare of the district referred to. The proposition before congress to assist these state and territory in their irrigation of their borders is an excellent one, but it is proposed to devote the proceeds of such state to the irrigation of land and support of public works, the nation might be pleased to have, for whom ever we propose to do the work for the purpose of reclamation, we make mistakes, and if we repeat them in other conditions we might not succeed, off from the possibility of our securing such a comprehensive system of public works as is necessary for the reclamation of the west, and that is the best we can do in support of the project.

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In some instances the states of territories might be able to reclaim the subject quite satisfactorily, but in other instances, whenever you should endow the state or territory with the means of carrying out for itself such works as are demanded, you would by the formation for immediate inter-state grants.

Takes, for instance, the case of Colorado and New Mexico. Suppose the state of Colorado should establish a system of canals sufficiently comprehensive to exhaust all the water of the Rio Grande during that portion of the year when irrigation is most necessary, then what would become of the best agricultural section of New Mexico? That is a question which congress must deal with, or else the value of the property that might be destroyed in one state would be more than that of all the land that might be reclaimed in another.

And besides, the duty of reclaiming these lands is one that properly and justly belongs to the general government. They are the property of the United States, reserved for the use of citizens of the United States, and it is the duty of the government of the United States to make them habitable and arable. This is the only correct position for the Utah convention to take. A union of effort on the part of all the states and territories interested in the matter would result in inducing the United States government to undertake a system of irrigation works by which the arid lands of these regions would be reclaimed, but if we induce congress to grant us the lands, on condition that we attempt to do the work by state or territorial enterprise, we shall learn when it is too late, that we have taken upon ourselves a burden which we are not able to carry.

A BARBECUE.

We suggest to the officers of the Fair association and the Commercial club that a regular and fastidious barbecue, on a Thursday afternoon or evening of fair week, would be one of the most attractive features we could have, and would not cost much. A fine feed always draws. Some people have a taste for literature, some for art, and others again for sport, but amusement addressed to the stomach fills all of them. A barbecue with a couple of even roasted whole, would be a pleasing card, and would add largely to the success of the week's entertainment. There is nothing else we could do for the same outlet that would contribute as much to the interest of the occasion. It would probably be pleasant and more attractive to have it in the evening. With the full moon, good man room, room for every person to dance a long line of well-matched couples, and the perfect act of a New Mexico September night, what could be more attractive, more enjoyable or more satisfying? Let the barbecue go on.

MAKING HAY.

General Miles is making hay while the sun shines. He is putting the same vigor into his presidential campaign that he has brought to bear in his several

campaigns against the Indians, and the country need not be surprised if the outcome of the democratic national convention next summer leaves the scalps of both Custer and Hill hanging at the feet of the famous Indian fighter. His name of course, but we can't resist the conclusion that the nomination of Miles would be altogether the shrewdest thing the democracy could do. But, there is one very strong argument against the probability of such a result, namely, the fact that it would expose a dead of political sagacity, and that would be at direct variance with adhesionists' preachers, the party has never yet missed an opportunity, or even a small opportunity, to do the wrong thing, and it is highly to be supposed that it will be able to break the record now, when it is failing into a stage. General Miles would undoubtedly make the strongest candidate for party chairman, and the only view, in fact, who would not enter the race would have to be supported by numerous expressions on the part of the people. But, Miles would not have any difficulty in entering the race, as he could say to himself, "I am the freedom, I can't say to myself, for that reason, that unless I am successful, I will be the last to get the job." The population of the United States is at the present time about 63,000,000, and we are still supplying other millions with food. We shall raise enough corn and grain this year to feed all comers and still have enough left to supply the broad range of the Kansas farmer with food. While there is no enough to潮流, there is enough to cover all and feed all. Miles may stay on the other side of the water, where he proper belongs.

The soul of India abhors her that I and own country, its climate is infinitely worse, and its area not half as great, and yet her population is more than 100 times larger and is growing larger with much rapidity. Mean time, while each 200 of the inhabitants here have more than square miles to live on, there would be no such growing latter. What may not be expected in this country, we can't conceive, a square mile for every infant born.

How free the soul is to knowledge the stars and the suns of earth, since a few days ago, since the New Mexico expedition to be held at Albuquerque, during Sept. 12, next, a helping hand. It is a secret and safe, and will benefit all parts of New Mexico. And this said hand is represented by every reputable man in the territory. The top of all we have the popular recognition of the fact that by a bold display of manhood of the territory, far beyond the ability of the territory, and it is gratifying to see that the papers in all parts of the territory are working earnestly for the success of the exhibition.

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